

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Reddick, IL

Third Sunday of Lent —February 28, 2016

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Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm

Reconciliation:

Before Mass or by Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism – Baptisms are celebrated during the Saturday 5:30p.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Marriages – Diocesan Policy require at least a six month preparation process. Couples who are planning to marry should speak directly with the Pastor before setting a date. No Weddings are scheduled on Sundays.

Hospitalized Parishioners – Due to a change in the privacy law, Father cannot go to the hospital and ask for a list of parishioners for him to visit. As a patient, you must ask the hospital to notify the Rectory that you are requesting a visit. For our homebound parishioners, if you would like Father to visit, please call the Rectory and Father will be more than happy to come and visit you. Thank you!

Mass Intentions:

2/27/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Blanche Hamende (Scott & Linda Hamende Sr. And Ray & Heidi Erhardt)

3/02/16 Thurs. 8:30am +Mary Jo Murphy

3/02/16 Thurs. Stations of the Cross after 8:30am Mass

3/05/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Mary K. Kleiss (R. McGinnis & Family)

If you would like a Mass Intention said, please contact the Rectory. Suggested Donation is \$10.

Remember in Prayer our deceased relatives and friends, the ill of our parish and community, nursing home residents, the homeless, hungry and unemployed, those living alone and our own special intentions we hold deep in our hearts. Keep in prayer all men and women serving our country, the injured and those being held prisoners. Let us not forget all men and women who gave up their lives so that we may live in freedom and peace!

Liturgical Schedule for Lectors/Servers

2/27/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bill/Servers-Miles, Jackson, Elsie

3/05/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Jane/Servers-Miles, Jackson, Elsie

Holy Father's Intention for the month of March:

General Intention: That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

Weekly Income:

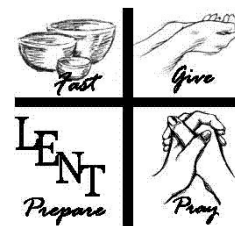
Sunday Collection \$ 555.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Prayers for Sick

Sue Eich and Heidi Ehrhardt.

We will have Daily Mass on Thursday mornings beginning this Thursday, March 3rd at 8:30am. Also during Lent we will be having Stations of the Cross following our Thursday morning Mass. Stations of the Cross are prayed in South Wilmington on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm.



Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Next week, please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and **help Jesus in disguise.**

On **Monday, February 29th** at 4-6pm Catholic Charities' Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food in South Wilmington at St. Lawrence Church parking lot (rain or shine). Catholic Charities and the Northern Illinois Food Bank have partnered to deliver nutritious food (meat, produce and nonperishable items) to people in need. Participants are asked to bring bags, laundry baskets, or boxes to transport food and grocery products to their vehicles. Shopping carts will be available. A representative from Catholic Charities will be available at this event to explain additional services provided by the agency. You do not have to be Catholic to participate. Catholic Charities helps people of all faiths and beliefs. For more information about Catholic Charities, please visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org. If you know anyone in need, please inform them.

Tuesday, March 1st at 7pm will be the next Parish Council meeting.

A smile goes a long way—but you're the one who must start it on it's journey.

"Receive children, receive me." St. Lawrence is hosting the 2016 World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 4 at 1:00 p.m. at the Parish Hall. World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical prayer service written this year by the women of Cuba, which calls us to receive the kingdom of God as little children. Through the worship service, the women of Cuba share stories of tradition, intergenerational wisdom, and experiences of God's profound love and acceptance. All parishioners are invited to this service.

Third Sunday of Lent Weekend of February 27/28, 2016 -In today's Gospel Jesus offers his parable about last chances. The fig tree will have one last chance to bear fruit before it is cut down and destroyed. Good stewards realize that, like the fig tree, they are endowed with God-given gifts that are meant to "bear fruit" for God and neighbor. God has legitimate expectations of them. They also realize they do not know how much time they have left before the gardener returns for an accounting of their fruitfulness. How are we using our God-given gifts? How might we use our gifts to bear more fruit? The answer requires some urgency.



I AM. You are. We are. Our ancestors in faith, the good people of Israel, have a name for God that is never spoken. They see YHWH and say instead "The LORD". That same LORD met Moses – in the desert, no less – looking like fire flaming out of a bush that was not consumed and introduced himself as "I AM". What a name! The name for an unburned bush.

The name of the One who witnesses affliction. The name for the God who hears, who knows, and who saves. Saves them. Saves me. Saves us.

- Let us spend some focused time with I AM this Holy Year in this cherished Lent.
- Let us look for those in need; let us say, "You are known and loved by God. Let me _____."
- Let us admit that we are loved as well by I AM.

